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**What the Future A. M. E. Church
Will Be and Do.**

Will be thoroughly Episcopal.
Will kneel in prayer, and not sit.
Will be more consistent.
Will be less spasmodic.
Will abolish proxy singing by choir and all will sing.
Will preach a solid gospel.
Will do less quarreling in the pulpit.
Will have presiding elders with courage enough to locate worthless pastors.
Will quadruple their missionary donations.
Will build twelve churches a week.
Will keep revival fires burning.
Will know the reason they are Methodists.
Will let theological twaddle alone.
Will be dignified, without being aristocratic.
Will not be so good that they will be good for nothing.
Will do less gossiping.
Will be less treacherous.
Will endow their colleges.
Will lay hold of the common people.
Will preach more repentance and regeneration.
Will insist upon holiness of heart and life.
Will have a baptism of church loyalty.
Will not steal missionary money.
Will not shrink from enforcing the Discipline.
Will not think more of dollars than souls.
Will not have pastors who will expel, to where they can get one to join the church.
Will demand revival preaching.
Will be a thousandfold more concerned about Africa.
Will not have preachers who will ridicule the emotional, because they have never been born again.
Will revive the best features of historic class meeting.
Will have class leaders who can spiritually instruct the members.
Will feel under no obligation to fill the ranks of other denominations with our converts.
Will pay more attention to the religious culture of young converts.
Will send members to the general conference who are not afraid to vote against the liquor traffic.
Will see that the laws enacted by the general conference are incorporated in the Book of Discipline.
Will rebuild the line fence between the church and the world.
Will keep the church doors wide open seven days in the week.
Will have pastors who are not too lazy to preach on Wednesday or Thursday night.
Will have their leading city churches open from 12 to 1 o'clock every day in the week for mid-day services.
Will report all moneys raised for church expenses to the congregations from whom it was collected.
Will insist that repentance for sin is the first step toward the kingdom of God.
Will demand that their ministers shall wear robes as God himself directed.
Will have an archbishop to make out the appointments of the bishops as they make out the appointments of the ministers.
Will publish a hundred thousand copies of the Christian Recorder weekly.
Will not have their general officers trotting around to every conference to keep their departments alive, when they ought to be in their offices.
Will preach, echo and re-echo the Wesleyan doctrine of the witness of the Holy Spirit.
Will not have bishops electing inferior pro or con as to who shall or shall not be elected to the bishopric.
Will not have presiding elders who will punish preachers of ability by sending them to starvation places, because they do not like them personally.
Will have millions of members in Africa when the opponents of African missions will be dead and in hades and their names forgotten on earth.
Will have hymns written by black men and women, and so recorded that they will not cast reproach upon their color, and such songs as, "Wash me whiter than snow," will no longer be heard in their religious devotions.
Will have no black preachers standing in the pulpit using the adjective black to describe all that is low, base, mean and wicked, and the adjective white to represent the good, pure, holy and heavenly. They will have sense enough to know that black is as graceful and as honorable as white.
Will retain no local preachers on the Quarterly Conference roll who are too worthless and trifling to lead prayer-meetings, much less go out and search for places to employ their gifts and graces.
Will not have pastors who will hold love-feast service after the Lord's Supper is administered, but before, as the love-feast was originally intended to be held by Mr. Wesley that it might prepare the members for the holy communion.

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A MAN WITH A HISTORY.

The Terrible Experience That Brought
John W. Thomas, of Tenn.

Added with a Peculiar Disease. His
Body Covered with Sores. Could not
Eat and Thought He Was Going to
Die. His Recovery the Marvel of
Tennessee.

(From the Nashville, Tenn., Banner.)

Mr. John W. Thomas, Jr., of Tenn., is a man with a most interesting history. At present he is in the hospital in blooded horses for which many county is famous.

"Few people," he says, "said Mr. Thomas to a reporter who had asked him for the story of his life, 'have passed through as remarkable a chain of events as I have and remained alive to tell the story.'"

"It was along in 1884, when I was working in the silver mines of New Mexico, that my troubles began; at first I suffered with indigestion, and so acute did the pains become that I went to California for my health, but the trip did me little good, and finally I returned with the idea that my last day had nearly dawned upon me, I hurried back here to my old home to die."

"From simple indigestion my malady developed into a chronic inability to take any substantial food. I was barely able to creep about, and at times I was prostrated by spells of heart palpitation. This condition continued until one year ago."

"On the 11th of April, 1893, I suddenly collapsed, and for days I was unconscious, in fact I was not fully myself until July. My condition on September 1st, was simply horrible. I weighed but seventy pounds whereas my normal weight is 165 pounds. All over my body there were lumps from the size of a grape to the size of a walnut, my fingers were cramped so that I could not more than half straighten them. I had entirely lost control of my lower limbs and my hand trembled so that I could not drink without spilling the liquid. Nothing would remain on my stomach, and it seemed that I must dry up before many more days had passed."

"I made another round of the physicians, calling in one after the other, and by the aid of morphine and other medicines they gave me, I managed to live through barely through the fall."

Here Mr. Thomas displayed his arms, and just above the elbow of each there was a large irregular stain as large as the palm of the hand and of a purple color, the space covered by the mark was sunken nearly to the bone. "That," said Mr. Thomas, "is what the doctors did by putting morphine into me."

"On the 11th of December, 1893, just eight months after I took morphine to bed—I shall never forget the date—my cousin, Joe Foster, of Carter's Creek, called on me and gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, saying they had cured him of partial paralysis, with which I knew he had all but died. I followed his directions and began taking the medicine; as a result I stand before you today the most surprised man on earth. Look at my hand, it is as steady as yours; my face has a healthy look about it; I have been attending to my duties for a month. Since I began taking the pills I have gained 30 pounds, and I am still gaining. All the knots have disappeared from my body except this little kernel here in my palm. I have a good appetite and I am almost as strong as I ever was."

"Yesterday I rode thirty-seven miles on horseback. I feel tired today but not sick. I used to have to two to four spells of heart palpitation every night, since I began the use of the pills I have had but four spells altogether."

"I know positively that I was cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I believe firmly that it is the most wonderful remedy in existence to-day, and every fact I have presented to you is known to my neighbors as well as to myself, and they will certify to the truth of my remarkable cure."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are not a patent medicine in the sense that name implies. They were first compounded as a prescription and used as such in general practice by an eminent physician. So great was their efficacy that it was deemed wise to place them within the reach of all. They are now manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold in boxes (never in loose form) by the dozen or hundred, and the public are cautioned against numerous imitations sold in this shape at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company.

Copy of a Letter from Africa.

BREWSTERVILLE, LIBERIA, W. C. A. I
Feb. 19th, 1894.

DEAR SIR:—With much pleasure I write you a few lines to let you hear from me and to know that I am well at this time, hoping when this reaches you, it may find you and family well. Give my love to all. After thirty-six days I reached Africa and I did not get sick at all. I enjoyed myself as very much. Mr. Mitchell, I don't think I can come back to America again, for it is too nice to be free. I have just found how free people live. You must excuse me for waiting so long before writing to you. I will never forget your kindness to me. I have been several times to see my brother's coffee farm, and I like that much indeed. Some days I go and stay all day at the coffee farm and see the people pick coffee, for that is something new to me, and I help pick, too.

So I will close. May the Lord be with you all. From
MARTHA GANTZ.

Rev. J. L. H. WATKINS, son of the learned Dr. George T. Watkins, who was stationed at Ann Arbor, Michigan, has been transferred to the New York conference by his own request, to be conveniently near his aged mother, who is very feeble, and is in need of her son's attention.

A GRAND LETTER.

From Sierra Leone to Liberia, Africa, and Its Possibilities.

BY REV. A. L. RIDGEL, P. R.

BREWSTERVILLE, LIBERIA, W. C. A.,
April 14th, 1894.

MY DEAR BROTHER TURNER:

Our voyage from Freetown to Monrovia was pleasant. We were on board nearly a week as our steamer called at Lavanah, Salakoh and Manah.

These are beautiful little English ports along the Kru-coast. Salakoh would be a splendid place for a mission station among the Kru tribe.

On our arrival at Monrovia we met a warm reception on every hand. Rev. Bailey, J. R. Briabane and others conducted us to comfortable quarters where many prominent persons called to bid us welcome, among whom were Rev. W. B. Gibson, rector of Trinity church, secretary of state and president of the Liberia college.

Friday, April 13th being "national thanksgiving day," we were invited to speak at the M. E. church. We did our best and was pleased to meet so many intelligent and sociable people.

After spending several pleasant days in the capital of the Liberian Republic we embarked for Brewsterville. The scenery along the way was grand. For the first time I saw four wild monkeys frolicking among the immense clusters of Mangrove bushes which grow so spontaneously along the banks of the creek leading into the St. Paul river. The St. Paul river is one of the most delightful streams of water that I have ever beheld. It rises far back into the interior and sweeps into the ocean.

About sunset Friday, April 13th, we reached the port of Virginia, disembarked and walked two miles to Brewsterville, doubtless the most desirable settlement along the St. Paul river. The country is high and level; the cool breezes from the ocean make the climate healthy; the land is rich beyond description; immense coffee farms greet the eye on every side. I never saw a more beautiful, fertile and promising settlement than Brewsterville.

The settlers all have large farms and are growing rice, which is a most interesting sight to people here who have borne the burdens, fought the fever and gained independence. There are five churches here; one M. E., Baptist, Presbyterian, Zion and A. M. E. church. The A. M. E. church building is but a temporary structure and will soon be torn down and a more suitable one erected. We have sixty members all of whom seem deeply interested in our connection.

Well, Bishop, I must retract some of my former utterances regarding the African emigration question—I must say this is the country for our people; five thousand families are needed and can find fine homes along the St. Paul river. Those who wish to come need not hesitate for a moment—come on without delay. Let five thousand families come to Brewsterville and settle up this vast, rich and fertile paradise. I am glad that a line of steamers are to operate along this coast from the states. Emigrants will meet a warm reception from the Liberian government.

The A. M. E. Church, despite all opposition, will yet be a power in this land. Here, as in Sierra Leone, the people are flocking to our church. We must have a church in Monrovia. If other denominations can succeed in that grand little city, why can we succeed also. I am just immensely elated over our prospect here. Our brethren are now preparing for conference, and regret so much that you cannot be present. Father Irons is a faithful servant, and is much loved by all. A wealthy farmer at Grand-Bodra has given our church sixty acres of valuable land for an Industrial School and ten acres have been planted down in Cassia.

Now, bishop, we shall do our best. Pray that God may shower rich blessings upon us. You have a knowledge of the work and the flattering possibilities of future success.

I hope Easter was a grand success this year, which I am sure was and is the desire of all concerned. God bless you and the church at home.

AFRICA COOLING.

Rev. A. L. Ridgel, Presiding Elder of the Congo Conference, writes:

"I have been in Africa for more than a year; have in the main enjoyed splendid health. My wife has never had the much dreaded African fever, and is in better health by far than when she left the United States."

"All this humbug about people cannot live in Africa should at once be banished from the mind, in the face of so much testimony to the contrary. Africa is cooling off to the contrary. Those of our people in the South who can and are willing to come to this country will do well to embrace the opportunity and come at once."

"Fifty thousand families can find homes in this republic (Liberia) where they will be free from all racial conflicts, etc.—Africa is destined to lead the van in national greatness, and those who have been here will fully share in her great glory." I would not exaggerate Africa for a thousand Americas, so far as I am concerned."

PRESIDENT W. H. COUNTESS, A. M., of the Normal Industrial College, situated near Huntville, Ala., has honored us with a large photograph of his philosophical head and his well proportioned bust. We visited his institution some weeks ago and language is inadequate to express our admiration of the man and the work he is doing. Prof. Counsell has but few equals in our opinion, and is a superior among the colored men of this nation.

BROTHERS letters connected with this paper, including subscriptions, should be addressed to C. E. Young, or to THE VOICE OF MISSIONS, as we are too frequently from home to give them our immediate attention.

Dr. C. S. SUTTA writes us from Antwerp, Belgium, and says he has greatly improved and feels like a new man. He thinks of returning to his post of labor at once.

BLESSED WITH A REVIVAL.

BY J. A. MASTERS.

MR. EDITOR OF VOICE OF MISSIONS:

Please allow me a small space in your paper to state that the A. M. E. church in Flint is all alive and moving along nicely. I have just closed a grand revival on April 16th. There were 60 conversions during our meetings, and there have been 57 added to the church, who I trust, will be lively members of the same. The membership has been more than doubled since my appointment last conference, which was in September, 1893. (George Bell) the great evangelist of the Michigan conference was with me all through my meetings and did a great work for the Master. Too much cannot be said about his successful manner of conducting revival meetings, for God has used him in this city and has wonderfully blessed his labors. As a singer he has a sweet and pleasant voice, and he uses it effectively. He is affable and takes well, being loved by all with whom he comes in contact. Such an evangelist has long been needed in every conference of this great connection. If there was less self-aggrandizement among the ministers and more zeal for God's cause the churches would do better and more souls would be saved. Ministers of churches are so greedy for praise themselves that they do not want an evangelist to come near them, lest it might be said that God, through them, had done a good work. Never since there has been an A. M. E. church in Flint was there such spiritual vitality. The members whose occupants have by the inscrutable hand of Providence been called to their long resting place, is now filled with young men, who are ready to work for the Master wherever He calls them to labor.

I have been in the ministry 15 years and never in that length of time have I seen more powerful meetings; there is only 280 of our people in this city—men, women and children—and I think I can safely say that we have the largest percentage of our people belonging to the church according to numbers of any city in the bounds of the Michigan conference. I can safely say that we have all of the leading men and women that is in the city connected with the church. Times in this city have been very hard financially during the last year. Never in the history of the church has its members had such a hard time for money, but we hope to come to the front with our conference claims. The members of the church here are hoping that the Michigan annual conference will hold its session in Flint in 1895, as there is always a great influence exerted by it and which they know will be lasting. Flint, Mich.

Dr. Flipper Goes for the Bishops.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 14th, 1894.

BISHOP H. M. TURNER, D. D. LL. D.—Knowing you as I do, and being an admirer of your courage, boldness and forcible manner of expression, and noting your strictures upon the ministry of our church, through the Voice or Missions, for not responding more liberally to the cause of missions, I have, after mature consideration, determined to address you an open letter, concerning the missionary department of the A. M. E. Church.

Please inform me, if you can, what is it? Where is it? And what is it doing for the cause of God and Africa? How is it, that the Bishops of the church are so far apart in their orders and their directions to the brethren, as the east is from the west? The brethren are confused and derelict in their duty, because one bishop is ordering one thing to be done with the missionary money, and another bishop is sounding quite a different alarm. If the heads of the church are not a unit, how can they expect the brethren to be?

It may be a bold assertion, but I dare to say to you, that you all, I mean the bishops of the A. M. E. church, have literally killed the missionary department of the church, and whatever may be its failures or shortcomings, you bishops, alone, will be held responsible. It appears to me, that the most important branch of the church has been nearly murdered by those who should have been its chief custodians. As one, I should be pleased to be enlightened. I have the honor to be

Yours obediently,

J. S. FLIPPER,
Presiding Elder Athens District.

Dr. Flipper's letter speaks for itself and, while he desires to be enlightened, we are not prepared to give him the light he has asked for. From the way he writes, he seems to have too much light now, especially as regards Episcopal orders. But we are not surprised, we expected the ministers would pick into us, and Flipper fires the first gun.

Missionary Convention.

BATTLE CREEK, May 14th, 1894.

Dear Sisters of the Missionary Society of the State of Michigan: I know of no better way to reach you all than to write you through the Voice or Missions informing you of the fact, as I already have some time ago, that the time for our missionary convention is drawing very near—the time set being in June and place Ypsilanti, Mich., and as you already know we meet there during the week of District Conference and Sunday School Convention, which meets the second Tuesday in June, that being the 12th. We are not certain just what day we will name, but it will be the 13th or 14th, so you see by coming together at that time we can attend the other meetings and have more of ministers and their wives attend ours than at any other time. Hoping to meet many of you there, I am Yours in the work,
D. A. COOTMAN, Pres.

362 Van Buren St.

This District Conference of the Michigan Annual Conference, Rev. J. H. Alexander, P. E., will meet at Ypsilanti June 26th. We hope to be present.

Bishop Ward and Grant are both better and still improving.

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Queen Victoria celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday a few days ago. The queen is not in excellent health and it is possible that she will live for some years to come. She has been on the throne fifty-seven years, and her reign embraces many of the most memorable events in English history.

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There is not much more to be said about this serene and fortunate old lady. She holds to the religious faith and the political views of her fathers, and is opposed to liberal views. She has scandal as much as she has Gladstone, loves big dinners and good wine, and still believes that her husband was the best man that ever lived. Two or three attempts have been made to assassinate her, but her people love her, and her successor will be lucky indeed if he enjoys her popularity. This last anniversary was a notable one. It is a rare thing for a sovereign to celebrate a seventy-fifth birthday after fifty-seven years on the throne.—*Ex.*

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